

REMARKS


In further response to the Final Office Action of March 10, 2004 and in response to the Advisory Action of May 27, 2004, on the above-identified application, Applicants have amended claims 1 and 18 to further define the invention. Claims 1-26 are pending in the application. Claims 1-26 stand rejected.

As this amendment is being submitted with an RCE, the Applicants respectfully refer the Examiner to the remarks of Applicants' previous Amendment of May 10, 2004 in support of the patentability of the invention as now claimed.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is believed that the present application now stands in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. Should the examiner believe a telephone call would expedite the prosecution of the application, he is invited to call Linda K. Russell at the number listed below.

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